

So Good Conference + Recent Changes to Facebook

In this episode of **The DOYO Live Marketing Show**, **Dennis Schiraldi Founder of DOYO Live** meets up with Gianni Centifonti, Founder of the So Good Conference taking place at YSU= 2s Williamson College of Business on October 12, 2017.

Plus a bonus guest, that's right. DOYO Live veteran and founder of the Start Up Circle and owner of Sassy Girl Media, Deanna Fusillo stops by to discuss some of the recent changes to Facebook that you cannot afford to miss out on.

Tickets can be purchased here: [So Good Conference Tickets](#) – [Reserve Your Spot Today!](#)

In our discussion, Gianni Centifonti works out of the Youngstown Business Incubator and is in a role that helps entrepreneurs with marketing research. She provides some really great resources, such as at The Youngstown Public Library, as a place that can provide free resources when it comes to database research and other items imperative to making sound marketing and business decisions.

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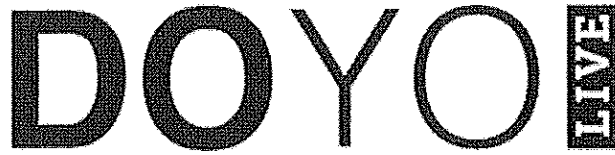
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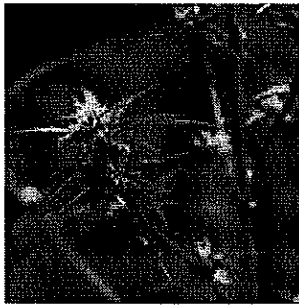
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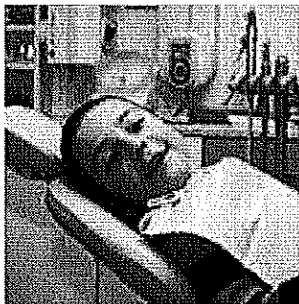
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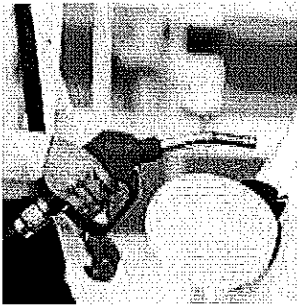
REGULATING HEMP AND CANNABIS-BASED PRODUCTS

Hemp and cannabis plants are getting a lot of attention as their cultivation, production and use in a variety of products have been increasing across the country. In response, states are developing programs to oversee the industry, ranging from regulating commercial sales of recreational cannabis to encouraging the study of industrial hemp.



ORAL HEALTH CARE IN RURAL AMERICA

Rural areas have fewer dentists, complicating efforts to address rural America's higher rates of tooth loss and dental decay. State strategies to improve access to oral health care in rural areas include creating or supporting student recruitment and loan repayment programs, recognizing and regulating non-dentist oral health providers, and integrating oral health services with primary care and teledentistry.



RECALIBRATING THE MOTOR FUEL TAX

All 50 states, the District of Columbia and the federal government levy motor fuel taxes—a primary source of transportation funding. However, the combination of increased road use, leading to more construction and maintenance needs, along with flattened revenues resulting from fuel-efficient vehicles, has put pressure on lawmakers to increase or restructure motor fuel taxes.



TACKLING TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL SHORTAGES IN RURAL AREAS

A shortage of teachers and principals across the United States has intensified in recent years, disproportionately affecting rural communities. States are addressing school personnel shortages with a variety of strategies, including recruiting employees from the communities where they live, preparing and supporting teachers, and boosting salary and compensation.

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State Leaders Weigh In on Federal Education Law

Now that every state has submitted a state plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act, state leaders are beginning to explore implementation strategies.

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A Letter from CSG 2017 National Chair

"Las Vegas is tenacious and we have already begun rebuilding trust and security within our city. As the CSG 2017 National Conference nears, I want to welcome you to a city that stands united against violence of any forms."

-- Nevada Sen. Kelvin Atkinson

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States Work Together to Reunite Families

"Our children are our future, I can't stress this enough. I think that if we can get them in a place where they can be whole in spite of what they've experienced then we are going to produce better results. ..."

--Tennessee State Rep. Raumesh Akbari

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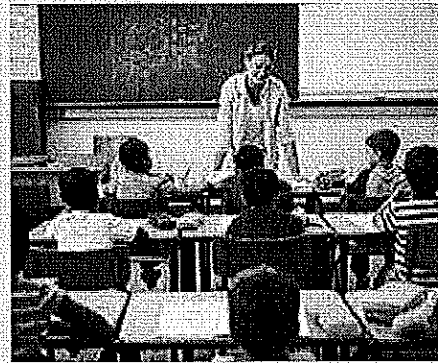
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Supreme Court to Decide Public Employee Self-Incrimination Case

The Fifth Amendment says no person shall be "compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." The court will decide in *Hays, Kansas v. Vogt* whether this applies to a probable cause hearing, in addition to a trial.

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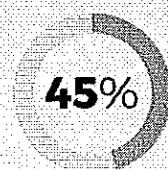
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The Opioid Impact in Farm Country, USA

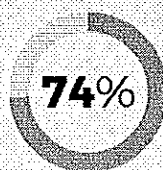
The opioid crisis has struck farm and ranch families
much harder than the rest of rural America.

Scope of the Crisis

Share of Americans who have been directly
impacted by the opioid epidemic:



Rural
adults



Farmers and
farm workers

Access to Opioids and Opioid Treatment



3 in 4 farmers say it would be easy for someone
in their community to access a large amount of
prescription opioids or painkillers without a prescription,
and just under half of rural adults – **46%** – say the same.



Only **1 in 3**

rural adults say it would be easy to access treatment for addiction to prescription drugs or heroin in their local community...



...and, only **2 in 5**

are confident they could seek care that is either effective, covered by insurance, convenient or affordable.

Awareness

Rural adults are largely unaware that rural communities are impacted the most by the opioid crisis:

Do you believe it's mostly true or mostly false that rural communities are impacted the most by the opioid crisis

Among rural adults:

31%

Mostly true

28%

Mostly false

41%

Don't know

Share of rural adults who say opioid abuse is a major problem in:



57%

Urban communities



47%

Rural communities

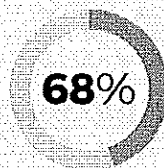
HALF of rural adults say addiction to opioids is a disease, rather than due to a lack of willpower...



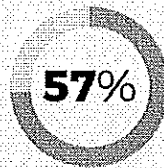
...and **3 in 4** recognize opioid abuse can begin accidentally with the use of what are deemed safe painkillers, or opioids.

Solving the Crisis

A strong majority of rural Americans believe each of the following will be effective means for solving the crisis:



Increasing public education
surrounding resources



Reducing the shame or stigma
around opioid addiction

The American Farm Bureau Federation and National Farmers Union believe that rural communities are strong, and the strengths of our towns can overcome this crisis.

CLICK HERE

to learn more about our research
into rural opioid abuse.



Morning Consult, on behalf of American Farm Bureau Federation and National Farmers Union, conducted an online survey of 2,201 rural adults

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017



BREAKING: IOC Suspends Russian Olympic Committee Over Doping

The International Olympic Committee on Tuesday suspended the Russian Olympic Committee, a move that comes after it has levied a number of lifetime bans against the nation's past Olympic athletes who had violated global doping rules, but opened the door for individual Russian athletes to compete in the 2018 Winter Olympics to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea under the Olympic flag.

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Dallas Offers an Impressive Smart Community Model

Dallas does more than pro football. The Dallas-Fort Worth marketplace is the fourth largest in the United States from a population standpoint with over 7.2 million people. The Dallas region has had to evolve and innovate to keep up. It houses 19 Fortune 500 company [\[more...\]](#)

Major Shifts in Ohio Governor's Race Impact Primary Battles

Both the Ohio Democratic and Republican Party made major news in November impacting the May, 2018 Primary for Governor. Governor John Kasich cannot seek a third term due to the state of Ohio's Constitution limit on Governors serving two consecutive terms in office.

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Community Project Applications Due January 3, 2018 -- State of Ohio Capital Budget

Public or private sector organizations wishing to apply for a state of Ohio Capital Budget Community Project award need to file their application by January 3, 2018. Last budget, over \$1.25 B in Community Project requests were made but only \$156 M in awards were[[more...](#)]



Nominate a Top Company for the 2018 Ohio Mid-Market 100

Middle market companies drive the Ohio economy. According to the Ohio State University National Center for the Middle Market, middle market companies constitute only 3% of the US companies but account for 1/3 of all US jobs. The Montrose Group, LLC, a Columbus, Ohio based[[more...](#)]

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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS RON WINE
CONSULTING GROUP RECEIVED NEARLY TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN
QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS FROM WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Columbus, Ohio, December 12, 2017

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from State Representative Jim Butler expressing concerns with a contract between Wright State University (WSU) and Ron Wine Consulting Group (RWCG). Ron Wine, president of RWCG, was under contract to secure funding development for WSU and Wright State Applied Research Corporation.

Records reviewed during the investigation revealed that Ron Wine had been paid more than \$2.3 million by Wright State since 2009. Investigators determined that approximately \$1.8 million of the \$2.3 million received by Wine was identified as being overpayments, unsupported payments, unauthorized payments, or questionable payments as detailed in the report of investigation.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio Auditor of State for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00002 is now available at: <http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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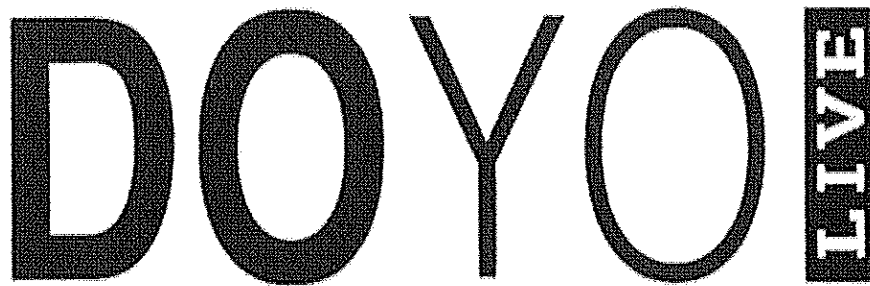
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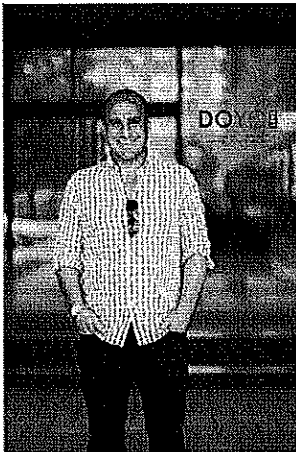
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Icons of Youngstown

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- Icons is an annual publication slated to launch in April of 2018.
- Events - Icons only events, including a launch party of the book and other networking opportunities throughout the year.
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- Online component to launch with website and social media to feature Icons.
- Copies of photos to be allocated for your usage.

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Thanks,
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- How to develop a Facebook Live strategy!
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10 Things You Need to Consider When Going Live on Facebook - DOYO Live

Instagram Launches New Follow Hashtags - Youngstown Digital Marketing Magazine

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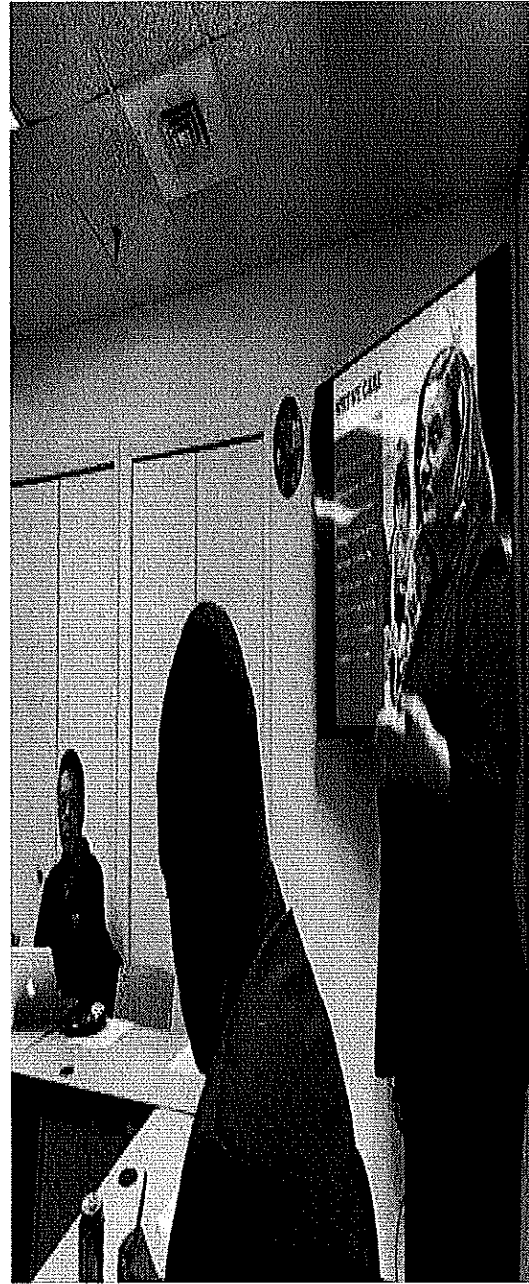
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Working Toward a Common Goal



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This week, Groundwork Ohio presented to a joint meeting of United Way of Summit County's executive and public policy committees. United Way of Summit County's bold goals, which include

ensuring that 65% of Akron Public Schools third-graders are reading at or above grade level and increasing the 4-year high school graduation rate for Akron Public Schools to 90% with 60% college/career ready, are closely linked to the proven outcomes of providing quality early childhood education. Groundwork shared its 2018 strategies and offered its expertise in the field of early childhood education to support United Way of Summit County's bold goals and to create a meaningful relationship between the two organizations.

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Meeting Ohio's Attainment Goal

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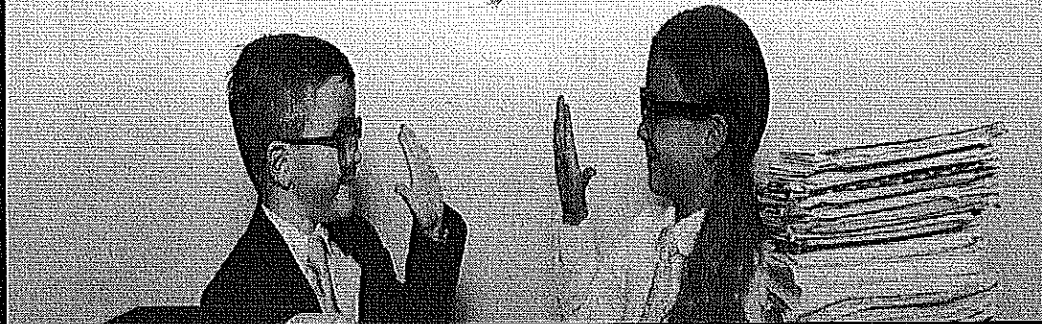
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Ohio's goal is that by 2025, 65% of all working-age adults will have a degree or credential. Currently, just 44% of Ohioans have a 2- or 4-year degree or a work-related certificate. Join us for a day focused on raising educational attainment to ensure Ohio can compete. Speakers will include State **Sen. Peggy Lehner**, Chair of the Ohio Senate Education Committee, **Jim Tressel**, President, Youngstown State University, and **Eric Hanushek**, Stanford University economist.

After the event, Sen. Lehner will chair a Senate Education Committee hearing on "Connecting the Dots from Cradle-to-Career" where Groundwork Executive Director **Shannon Jones** will testify along with other business and community leaders.

[Click here to register for the event.](#)

#KidsAreOurBusiness



Ohio Business Leaders,

Did You Know... Only 40% of Ohio children enter kindergarten ready to learn? This results in only 43% of our adult workforce having a post-secondary degree or credential qualifying them for an available job. Learn why the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and our business community care about the indisputable connection between kindergarten readiness and career readiness by joining us at one of our Breakfast Briefings for Business Leaders.

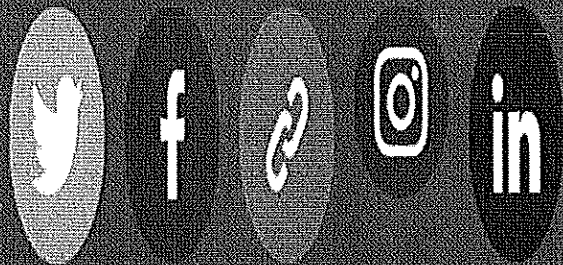
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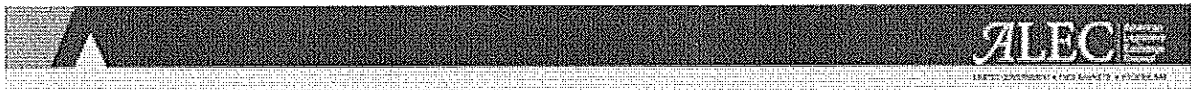


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From the Desk of Jonathan Williams

State leaders across our nation are commending Congress and President Trump for passing the first major federal tax reform in 31 years and delivering real relief to American taxpayers. Hardworking American families and businesses will now keep more of their own money and the economy will continue to benefit from new investment, job creation and higher wages.

There are complexities that will arise across the states depending on how each state tax code is linked to the federal code. However, this also presents an ideal opportunity to address state level tax reform needs. Roughly half of the states that tax personal income automatically adopt changes to the federal tax code as they are enacted, and the other half generally require deliberative legislative action to adopt federal changes.

We have already seen several governors and leaders address the need for state tax

reform this week. For instance, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds discussed the importance of tackling tax reform so Iowans don't end up actually paying *more* in state taxes. We expect state reactions to federal tax reform will continue to be a major point of discussion as state legislative sessions ramp up in the coming weeks. I have included a Facebook Live video below where our team discusses how states are reacting to the federal tax changes.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us whenever the Center for State Fiscal Reform can be helpful during this exciting time for state tax reform.

All the best,

Jonathan Williams
ALEC Chief Economist
Vice President, Center for State Fiscal Reform
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Facebook Live: State Responses to Tax Reform



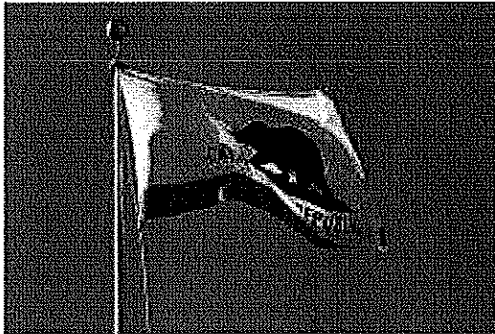
ALEC Tax Experts Jonathan Williams, Joel Griffith and Thurston Powers discuss how some states, such as New York and California, have responded to federal tax reform. If you missed the Facebook live event, you can still view the video on the ALEC Facebook page.

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Expert Opinion

California's Legally Dubious Proposal to Bypass Tax Reform

Joel Griffith | Center for State Fiscal Reform | *The Hill*



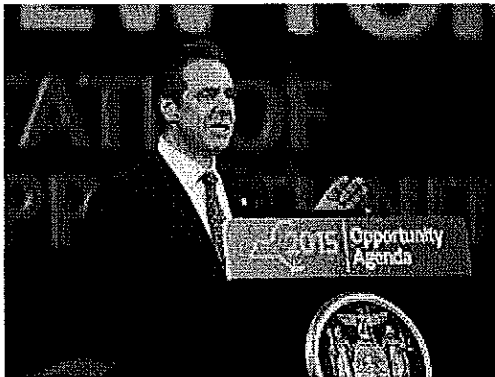
California State Senate Leader Kevin de León recently unveiled a legislative tax evasion scheme to thwart recently passed federal tax reform. Forcing hardworking Americans thousands of miles away to fund a large part of the California government amounts to taxation without representation. Here's how the scheme would work.

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State of the State Response: NY

Cuomo's High-Tax State Looks for Loopholes

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It's no surprise that Governor Andrew Cuomo used the phrase "economic civil war" more than a dozen times during his speech. After all, railing against the Trump administration serves as an excellent distraction from the policies weighing down one of the most powerful economic engines in the world.

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The Williams Report

Williams Report Holiday Update

Bob Williams | Senior Scholar, Center for State Fiscal Reform



Tax scholar Bob Williams highlights important articles dealing with the budget and pensions in the states that you may have missed over the holiday season.

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High Court Says NC Maps Don't Need Immediate Redo

The U.S. Supreme Court said Thursday that lawmakers do not have to immediately redraw North Carolina's federal congressional map before this year's midterm elections, issuing a stay on last week's decision by a panel of federal judges that found the state's current Republican-drawn map is unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

= 9 Senate Panel Advances Trump BigLaw Picks For DOJ, Judges = 9

The Senate Judiciary Committee pushed through close to two dozen of President Donald Trump's nominees on Thursday, including a number of BigLaw partners intent on filling vacant U.S. Department of Justice



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roles and appellate and trial judge posts. Read more »

Calif. Appeals Court Says City Can Ban Short-Term Rentals

A California appeals court on Wednesday shot down a bid by homeowners in Hermosa Beach to block an ordinance preventing them from renting their beachfront residences for short-term stays, finding the local law did not violate the California Coastal Act of 1976, which regulates new development projects, not cities' zoning rules. Read more »

House OKs Spending Bill To Head Off Gov't Shutdown = 9

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday approved a short-term spending bill to keep the government funded for several more weeks, but the threat of a government shutdown loomed as the bill moved to the Senate, where passage remains uncertain. Read more »

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Congress Renews Controversial Surveillance Law

Renewal of a key Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act authority was sent to President Donald Trump Thursday, following a sharply divided Senate vote that overrode privacy advocates' concerns about domestic spying. Read more »

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By The Numbers: A Snapshot Of Trump's First Year

Beneath the political chaos that's hovered over President Trump's first year in office has been a concerted effort to put the brakes on Washington's regulatory machine and seat a host of conservative judges on the federal

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Cybersecurity Remains Top Risk For Banks, OCC Says

Cyberattacks and anti-money laundering compliance remain among the biggest threats that the U.S. banking sector faces in a relatively strong economy and rising interest rate environment, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency said on Thursday. Read more »

Mega Bank Fined \$29M For Anti-Money Laundering Violations

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board on Wednesday said that Taiwan-based bank Mega International Commercial Bank Co. Ltd. has been assessed a \$29 million penalty for anti-money laundering violations and ordered to make improvements to its anti-money laundering oversight and controls. Read more »

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Ore. River's Proposed 'Wild' Label Stands For Now

A D.C. federal judge Thursday upheld a U.S. Bureau of Land Management regional office's decision to designate a section of the Rogue River in Oregon as suitable for protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Read more »

DOE's Delay In Publishing Energy-Saver Rules Questioned

A California federal judge seemed skeptical that the U.S. Department of Energy could stall its own energy conservation standards for household and industrial appliances, saying at

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a hearing Thursday that he didn't see why publishing the finalized rules was a discretionary decision, when all it required was "the push of a button." = 9 Read more »

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Sen. Demands Answers From Pruitt On EPA Costs, Policies

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Edward Markey sent a letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt on Thursday posing a slew of questions about his conduct and accusing him of driving the regulator away from its mission to protect the environment and toward industry-friendly positions. Read more »

Trump's Pick For DOJ Enviro Chief Clears Senate Committee

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday voted to advance President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the U.S. Department of Justice's environmental division, Kirkland & Ellis LLP partner Jeffrey Bossert Clark, over strong objections from Democrats. Read more »

Oil, Gas Cos. Seek To Keep DC Circ. Brakes Challenge Alive

The oil and natural gas industry asked the D.C. Circuit on Thursday to keep alive their consolidated challenge to a 2015 federal safety rule for trains carrying crude oil, saying a controversial special brakes requirement is still on the books so their challenge isn't moot. = 9 Read more »

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Trump Wants Suit Over 'Secret' Infrastructure Council Nixed

President Donald Trump on Wednesday urged a D.C. federal court to toss a lawsuit accusing

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the White House of creating an advisory council led by members sullied with ethical and financial conflicts of interest to secretly craft his highly anticipated infrastructure plan, saying the suit is moot because there's no such council. Read more »

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Analysis

NJ Nursing Moms Law Poses Challenges For Small Employers

= 9 The recent expansion of New Jersey's anti-bias law to include female employees at companies of any size who need time and space to breastfeed or pump milk could create logistics and operations hurdles for small businesses that had enjoyed exemption from a similar federal law if it posed a hardship. Read more »

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Senate Committee Again Clears Top DOL Nominees

For the second time in recent months, a Senate panel on Thursday approved a slew of nominations to various key labor department positions within President Donald Trump's administration, individuals whom Trump had to renominate after the full Senate failed to vote on their confirmation last year. Read more »

CSX Insists Entire Mass. Sick Time Law Preempted

Railroad giant CSX Transportation Inc. asked a Massachusetts federal judge Thursday to conclude that the state's entire earned sick time law is preempted by the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act and cannot be enforced against railroads, arguing for the expansion of a previous circuit court ruling. Read more »

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2 State-Level Developments Employers Might Have Missed

Two key employment developments took place recently, with Pennsylvania's governor proposing on Wednesday a sweeping expansion of overtime coverage for salaried workers while Maryland became the latest state to adopt a paid sick leave program. [Read more »](#)

PRIVACY & CYBERSECURITY

Kaspersky Wants Judge To Block Federal Software Ban

Security software firm Kaspersky Lab asked a D.C. federal judge on Wednesday for an injunction stopping the Trump administration from enforcing an order banning it from federal systems that was prompted by fears that its antivirus software could be hijacked by Russian spies. [Read more »](#)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Mulvaney Says CFPB Has Enough Money

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's disputed acting director on Wednesday told the Federal Reserve that the bureau needs no additional funding to continue its operations for the second quarter of fiscal year 2018, saying that he intends to spend down the bureau's existing reserves. [= 9 Read more »](#)

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Ryan Says Budget Fights Pushing DOD To 'Breaking Point'

The main priority of the federal government should be national defense, but the military has been "pushed past the breaking point" by a series of continuing budget fights that are often tied up with unrelated issues such as

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immigration reform, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Thursday. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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CFIUS Changes Could Harm Export Regime, Panel Says

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Proposed changes to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States could be beneficial to U.S. national security, but lawmakers should be careful not to unintentionally stifle outbound investment, a panel of experts told the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on Thursday. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

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= A EOIR Sets Metrics, Case Priorities For Immigration Judges

The Executive Office for Immigration Review on Wednesday adjusted the cases that immigration judges should handle as priorities and set court benchmarks and performance metrics by which the court system will be evaluated. [Read more »](#)

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US Cancels Haitian Eligibility For Temp Worker Visas

The U.S. has revoked eligibility for temporary agricultural and seasonal work visas for nationals of Haiti, Belize and Samoa, according to a notice posted Wednesday in the Federal Register. [= A Read more »](#)

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EOIR Sets Out Rules To Streamline Changes Of Venue

The Executive Office for Immigration Review has issued new guidelines to reduce challenges that arise when immigration judges

grant motions to change venue in a proceeding, including an instruction that motions to change venue after a merits hearing is already underway are "strongly disfavored." [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Report Assesses Fixed And Mobile Broadband Separately

The Federal Communications Commission's annual inquiry into the state of broadband deployment evaluates fixed and mobile service separately, agency Chairman Ajit Pai said Thursday, quelling some concerns that the agency would equate the two. [Read more »](#)

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= 9 FCC Chief Prods Broadcasters To Put Out Blue Alerts = 9

Local broadcasters should begin transmitting recently adopted police safety alerts to viewing and listening audiences as soon as possible, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai said Thursday. [Read more »](#)

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Level 3 Floats Challenge To Maine Utility Pole License Rule

= 9 Level 3 Communications LLC and ExteNet Systems Inc. teased a potential legal challenge this week that would contest Maine's brand-new, and allegedly unprecedented, licensing requirement for telecommunications companies wishing to attach their cables to existing utility poles in the state. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

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Ex-Pa. Rep's Atty Slams Juror Dismissal In 3rd Circ. Appeal

An attorney for ex-U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah urged a federal appeals court during oral arguments on Thursday to throw out the disgraced congressman's corruption conviction after a trial judge erroneously dismissed a juror in the middle of deliberations for expressing doubt about the government's case. Read more » = 9

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Will Tax Reform Affect Utility Rates? = 9

While some have trumpeted massive refunds awaiting utility customers following the federal corporate tax rate reduction from 35 percent to 21 percent, there are statutory, judicial and regulatory considerations and guiding principles that limit the extent to which such savings can and should be shared with utility ratepayers, say Bradley Seltzer and Amish Shah of Eversheds Sutherland LLP. Read more » = A

Indian Country After 1st Year Of The Trump Administration

At this point in year one of the Obama administration, tribes were enjoying the progress made at the first ever White House Tribal Nations Conference. The Trump administration's actions, in comparison, are causing tribes to feel that they must turn to the courts and Congress to uphold trust and treaty responsibilities, say Larry Roberts and Charlie Galbraith of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. Read more »

How Renewed CBP Focus On Forced Labor Impacts Importers

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection recently renewed its focus on enforcing the decades-old U.S. ban on imports of forced labor. Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP attorneys discuss the ban, North Korea-related sanctions, and recent enforcement-related actions, as well as some practical steps

practitioners and importers can take to ensure compliance. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Analysis

= 9 Sedgwick's Final Years Saw Swift Growth And Rapid Decline = 9

= 9The San Francisco office that formerly housed the headquarters of Sedgwick LLP will formally shut its doors this week, closing the curtain on the 85-year-old firm. Here, Law360 takes a look back at the firm's history and the events that led to its closing. [Read more »](#)

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8 Partners Leave Quinn Emanuel To Form New Firm

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Eight New York-based partners at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, including three practice group heads, are leaving the firm to start their own practice, Law360 confirmed on Thursday. [Read more »](#)

Atty Agrees To Disbarment For Filming Women In Restrooms

The general counsel of a Tampa, Florida-based maintenance and repair company has agreed to be disbarred after he was caught using cameras in the women's restrooms at the company's facility to covertly film female employees. [Read more »](#)

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Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP rose to the top of the legal lions list this week after a federal judge threw out a roughly \$350 million False Claims Act verdict against the law firms' nursing home operator client while IP boutique Carlson Caspers Vandenberg Lindquist & Schuman PA landed on the legal lambs list after the Federal Circuit junked its client's \$24

million trial win on claims that Briggs & Stratton
infringed its lawn mower patent. [Read more »](#)

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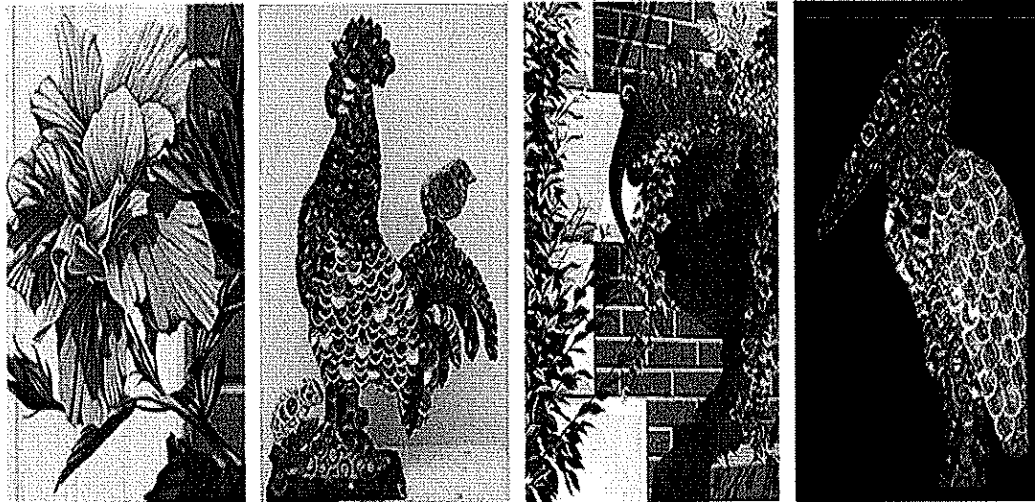
In this month's Message from the Executive Director, Donna S. Collins provides an update on the budget process for federal Fiscal Year 2019.

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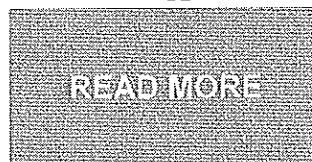
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**NORTH CANTON, ZANESVILLE ARTISTS' WORK
FEATURED AT THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
THROUGH MARCH**



As part of the newest "Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor's Residence" exhibition, artwork by Diane Belfiglio of North Canton and John Taylor-Lehman of Zanesville will be displayed at the Governor's Residence in Bexley through March. Both artists were selected by Ohio's First Lady Karen W. Kasich with the assistance of the Ohio Arts Council.

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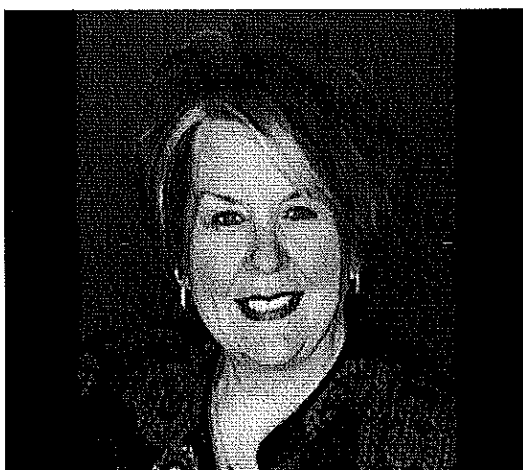


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NEA AWARDS MORE THAN \$520K TO OHIO ORGANIZATIONS

Twenty-six Ohio organizations have received grant awards through the National Endowment for the Arts' Art Works and Challenge America programs. Ohio nonprofits will receive a total of \$521,000 through the NEA's first round of federal Fiscal Year 2018 funding.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DONNA S. COLLINS AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Ohio Arts Council Executive Director Donna S. Collins received the Ohio Music Education Association's Distinguished Service Award at a ceremony on Feb. 9 in Columbus.

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OHIO ARTIST LEAH WONG RE-EXAMINES HER ROOTS

"I was supposed to have a painting, but I didn't have any painting."

Ohio artist Leah Wong discusses her journey in search of artistic inspiration and how it led her to the OAC's collaborative residency with the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

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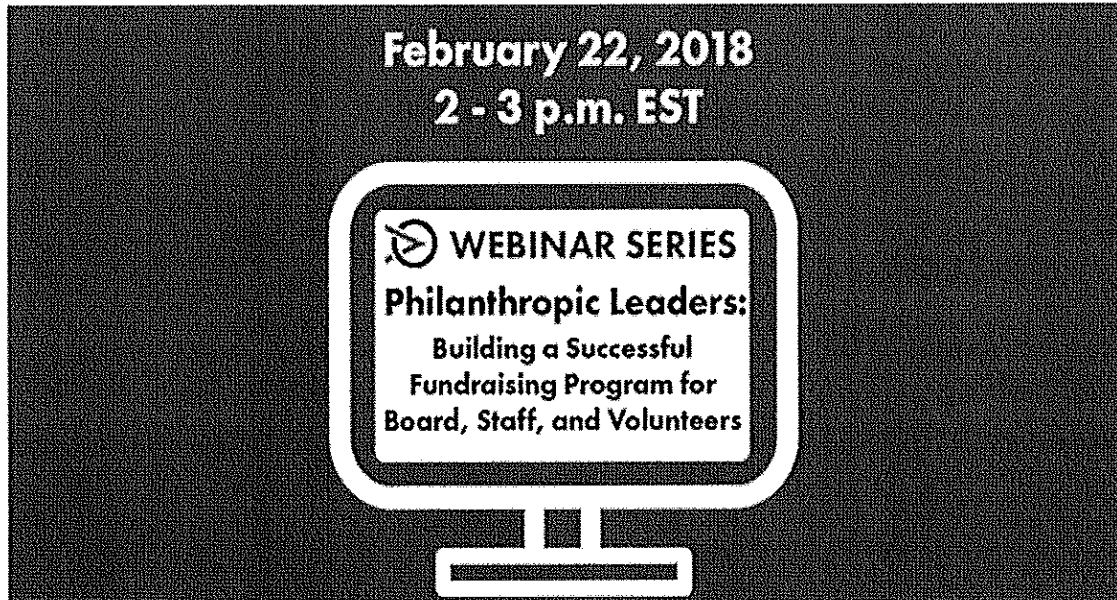


MEET DAN KATONA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

A parody songwriter on the weekends, Ohio native, and traveler, the OAC's Deputy Director Dan Katona can only be described as one color: teal. "Because it's a little bit of this and a little bit of that," he says. You can find Dan in his office, where he proudly displays his three daughters' artwork and writes some pretty interesting emails.

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Art & Accessibility Tip #6: Sign up for an Accessibility Online session

The Ohio Arts Council believes that everyone has the right of equal access to the arts. Each month, the ArtsOhio newsletter includes an accessibility tip for arts organizations. For additional accessibility resources, visit oac.ohio.gov/About/About-the-Council/Accessibility.

Did you know you can register for free accessibility training? Go to the Great Lakes ADA Center at accessibilityonline.org/ao to read more and register today.


For more information about making your arts programming accessible, contact your Ohio Arts Council program coordinator at oac.ohio.gov/About/Staff-Directory, including OAC Accessibility Coordinator Kim Turner at kim.turner@oac.ohio.gov.

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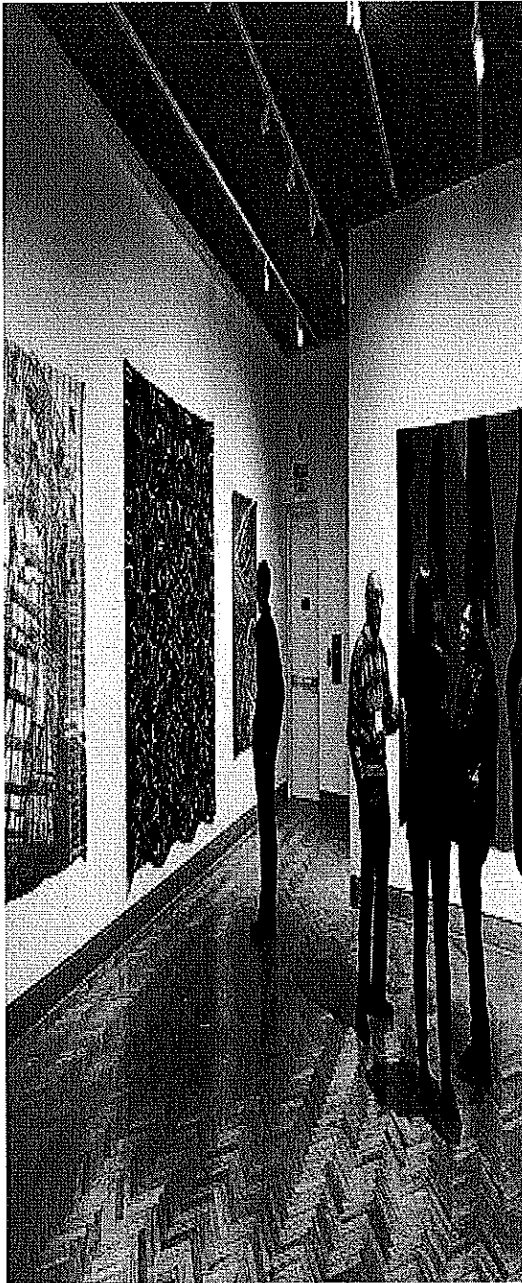
Produced by the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, *Quilt National 2017* is the 20th biennial international juried art quilt competition dedicated to the promotion of the contemporary art quilt. Its focus is to provide the viewer with a visual presentation of innovative trends in the medium of layered and stitched fabric. Artworks were selected by jurors Nancy Crow, Petra Fallaux, and Art Martin. The OAC Riffe Gallery will feature approximately 34 quilts by 34 artists from the original exhibition.

[Read more about the free events and programming scheduled for the OAC Riffe Gallery's Quilt National 2017 exhibition.](#)

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PIECING IT TOGETHER: THE RIFFE GALLERY HOSTS QUILT NATIONALS

Quilt National 2017 marks the 20th biennial and continues to be enthusiastically dedicated to the promotion of the contemporary art quilt, providing the viewer a visual presentation of innovative trends in the medium of layered and stitched fabric.

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FOR ORGANIZATIONS | Grants & Opportunities

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MARCH 1: ArtsNEXT Grant Deadline

The ArtsNEXT program provides competitive funding for innovative and experimental projects. Awards support big ideas that push boundaries, engage participants in unexpected ways, pilot new solutions to challenging problems, improve program design with calculated risk-taking, or result in the creation of new work. These forward-looking projects help define Ohio as an exciting, cutting-edge place to make, consume, and experience the arts.

Applicants may generally request between \$5,000 and \$20,000, though larger awards are possible in unique circumstances. All awards require a 1:1 cash match. [More information and grant guidelines are available on the Ohio Arts Council website.](#)

CONTACT: Brianna Dance, Organizational Programs Coordinator, brianna.dance@oac.ohio.gov and Jim Szekacs, Organizational Programs Coordinator, jim.szekacs@oac.ohio.gov

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FEBRUARY 23: Call for Artists - Submissions Due

The OAC is seeking women artists who are serving or have served in the military and who currently live in Ohio. Artists who work in painting, drawing, mixed media, and sculpture are eligible to participate in this exhibition which will specifically feature the works by women artists who are serving or have served in the armed forces.

This exhibition is part of a larger ongoing program, "Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor's Residence," which was developed by Ohio's First Lady Karen W. Kasich in collaboration with the OAC. This special exhibition, *2018 Artists' Spotlight: Works by Ohio's Military Women at the Ohio Governor's Residence*, celebrates works created by women

veterans and current service members while helping to support and recognize their artistic accomplishments and their service in the military. More information is available on the Ohio Arts Council website.

CONTACT: Kathy Signorino, Artist Programs Coordinator, kathy.signorino@oac.ohio.gov

MARCH 15: Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant Deadline

The Traditional Arts Apprenticeship program provides support for master artists to work with apprentices to build understanding and proficiency in folk and traditional art forms. By pairing exemplary practitioners of traditional art forms with dedicated apprentices, this program allows for concentrated study and cultural exchange. Traditional Arts Apprenticeship awards support the teaching and sharing of important cultural traditions, and enrich the lives of people throughout the state.

Master artists may request up to \$4,000 to work with one, and if appropriate, two, apprentices. At least 50 percent of the request must be used for master artist honoraria. No match is required. More information and grant guidelines are available on the Ohio Arts Council website.

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A few weeks ago, we got fantastic news.

The Ohio State Supreme Court ruled that, yes, abortion clinics do need to operate according to basic health and safety standards.

The Court was hearing the case because the General Assembly had passed a law a few years earlier to ensure that abortion clinics had "transfer agreements" with local hospitals.

These transfer agreements are essential to ensure that if there is an emergency, patients can have a seamless transition of care from a clinic into a hospital. Common sense, right? You don't even have to be pro-life to see this as just a general good practice.

However, the abortion industry disagrees. They didn't think they should have to have transfer agreements, because for them, it's all about profits, not about providing good quality care.

The abortion industry also knew that this would likely cause some of their clinics to close, because many hospitals won't want to enter an agreement with these dangerous and deadly facilities.

That's what happened in Toledo. Capital Care – the abortion clinic there - was unable to find a hospital with which they could sign an agreement.

When the Supreme Court's decision came out upholding the law that all abortion clinics must have these transfer agreements, it looked for a moment like the clinic was going to have to close.

However at the 11th hour, ProMedica, a Northwest Ohio hospital, came in to sign a transfer agreement.

With that signature, thousands of unborn children lost their lives, and countless women were sentence to untold harm.

There is still time though for ProMedica to back out of this terrible decision – and you can help make that happen!

Click the image below to sign the petition to ProMedica, calling on them to do what hospitals do best – PROTECT LIFE – not destroy it.



Stand for Life!

ProMedica has officially entered into an agreement with Capital Care Network of Toledo which enables the abortion provider to continue taking the innocent human life of unborn children and wound mothers and fathers. Sign the petition which simply states you believe a prestigious health care provider like ProMedica should not support an abortion facility that ENDS life rather than SUSTAINS it.

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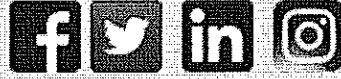
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More state cybersecurity regulation ahead for financial services industry?

State Net Capitol Journal

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Amid tension, Louisiana lawmakers back for another session

Associated Press

Fresh from a failed special session on finances, Louisiana lawmakers are resuming their debates on the unsettled budget mess as well as hot-button proposals on guns, gambling, sexual harassment and abortion.

Oklahoma state employees will join teachers in possible strike

The Oklahoman

Oklahoma state employees will join teachers in an April strike if lawmakers fail to deliver on demands for increased pay and funding.

Number of women in Alaska legislature reaches new high

Associated Press

The number of women serving in the Alaska Legislature reached a new high Friday, a milestone hailed by current



and former lawmakers who also see room for improvement in further diversifying the institution.

California teens are preregistering to vote but taking a pass on political parties

The Los Angeles Times

California's relatively new system in which 16- and 17-year-olds can preregister to vote has been used by 88,700 teenagers during its first months in existence, with most of them declining to identify as Republicans or Democrats.

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America has a skills gap. Governments across the U.S. are turning to European-style apprenticeship programs as a possible solution.

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New NCSL podcast: The economic case for early childhood education

This week on NCSL's podcast, "Our American States," host Gene Rose discusses the economic case for early childhood education (ECE) with Art Rolnick and Senator Howard Stephenson (R-Utah).



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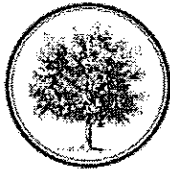
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**The Buckeye Institute: Capital Budget Riddled with
Pork Projects that Benefit Only Narrow Local Interests**
Greg Lawson Testifies Before Ohio Senate Committee on House Bill 529

Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute's Greg R. Lawson testified today (see full text below or **download a PDF**) before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee on House Bill 529, Ohio's 2018 capital budget.

As he did in his testimony before the Ohio House Finance Committee, Lawson recognized that in many ways the 2018 capital budget adheres to the spending principles outlined in *Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans*. However, he went on to say, "We are concerned that this budget, like others before, remains riddled with too

many special interest requests, local projects, and some potential boondoggles that veer from providing core government services and infrastructure."

In highlighting the special interest projects, Lawson again drew special attention to the 10 that made Buckeye's **Top 10 Worst Capital Budget Requests of 2018**, saying, "We highlight more than \$18 million of taxpayer dollars spent on pork projects that benefit only narrow local interests and not broader statewide needs. And that \$18 million is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. All of the special interest projects combined pushes that total to at least \$85 million. That is at least \$85 million of pork that could be spent on more pressing priorities, saved, or returned to taxpayers."

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**Interested Party Testimony on House Bill 529
Before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee**

**Greg R. Lawson, Research Fellow
The Buckeye Institute
March 13, 2018**

Chairman Oelslager, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Skindell, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding the Capital Budget.

My name is Greg R. Lawson. I am the research fellow at **The Buckeye Institute**, an independent research and educational institution -- a think tank -- whose mission is to advance free-market public policy in the states.

On February 5, The Buckeye Institute released its report, *Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans*, which outlined ways to keep Ohio's capital budget focused on principled government spending.[1] Our report encouraged policymakers to be guided by three spending principles: constrain the growth of government, eliminate corporate and special interest welfare, and focus on strengthening Ohio's physical and democratic infrastructures.

In many ways, Ohio's \$2.62 billion budget adheres to these basic principles, but we are concerned that this budget, like others before, remains riddled with too many special interest requests, local projects, and some potential boondoggles that veer from providing core government services and infrastructure.

The Buckeye Institute has just released its Top 10 Worst Capital Budget Requests of 2018,[2] in which we highlight more than \$18 million of taxpayer dollars spent on pork projects that benefit only narrow local interests and not broader state-wide needs. And that \$18 million is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. All of the special interest projects combined pushes that total to at least \$85 million. That is at least \$85 million of pork that could be spent on more pressing priorities, saved, or returned to taxpayers.

Regrettably, examples of non-essential government spending abound. The \$5 million to build retail and restaurant space at COSI in Columbus -- not essential government spending. The \$1 million for orangutan and elephant exhibits at the Columbus Zoo -- already subsidized by Franklin County property owners -- not essential government spending. The \$800,000 to install splash pads around the state -- not essential government spending. And the \$4 million slated for a soccer stadium in Cincinnati -- not essential government spending and not likely to live up to the economic hype. As the St. Louis Federal Reserve concluded last year:

Consumers who spend money on sporting events would likely spend the money on other forms of entertainment, which has a similar economic impact. Rather than subsidizing sports stadiums, governments could finance other projects such as infrastructure or education that have the potential to increase productivity and promote economic growth.[3]

Ultimately, of course, local residents and local taxpayers should have every opportunity to voluntarily choose to fund amphitheaters, performance stages, parks, zoos, and even stadiums out of their own local resources. But Cleveland residents should not be compelled -- through state taxes -- to pay for the Columbus Zoo, nor should Youngstown residents be made to pay for a soccer venue in Cincinnati.

Then there is the \$400,000 appropriation to build several government-owned broadband networks across the state. As I outlined recently in *Broadband "GON" Wrong*,[4] private-sector players have already deployed billions of dollars developing state-of-the-art technology to nimbly respond to consumer demands and preferences, while these government-owned networks have proven unable to pay for themselves, leaving taxpayers to pay for networks that few consumers even want to use.

That communities are asking for state money in the capital budget indicates that these networks all too frequently fail to live up to the promises made by government officials, and often lead to further taxpayer subsidies to maintain operations.

Many of the other local projects are not inherently misguided, but insofar as they provide only narrow local benefits and do not strengthen Ohio's physical infrastructure, state policymakers should remove them from the capital budget. Those funds should instead be spent on Ohio's pressing needs, such as building and maintaining water and sewer systems, and state roads.

We are also disappointed that this capital budget will not strengthen the state's democratic infrastructure, including, for example, replacing Ohio's aging voting machines. Such funding appears allocated in separate legislation, but the capital budget was not then reduced to maintain spending balance -- and it should have been.

Finally, and perhaps most critically, policymakers must remember that a lack of fiscal restraint, even during good economic times, unwittingly creates unrealistic spending expectations over time. Using the capital budget to fund local projects rather than state priorities will only make it harder for policymakers to curb and manage state spending when tough economic times inevitably arrive.

Today, even as the state budget looks solidly in the black, the danger of recession and fiscal instability still lurks. Recall, for instance, how unforeseen challenges required immediate and multiple adjustments to the last biennial budget due to lower than expected revenues. Prudence cautions against the tempting but non-essential government spending included in this capital budget. For the sake of Ohio taxpayers, such temptation must be resisted.

Thank you and I look forward to answering any questions that the Committee may have at this time.

[1] Greg R. Lawson and Quinn Beeson, *Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans*, The Buckeye Institute, February 5, 2018.

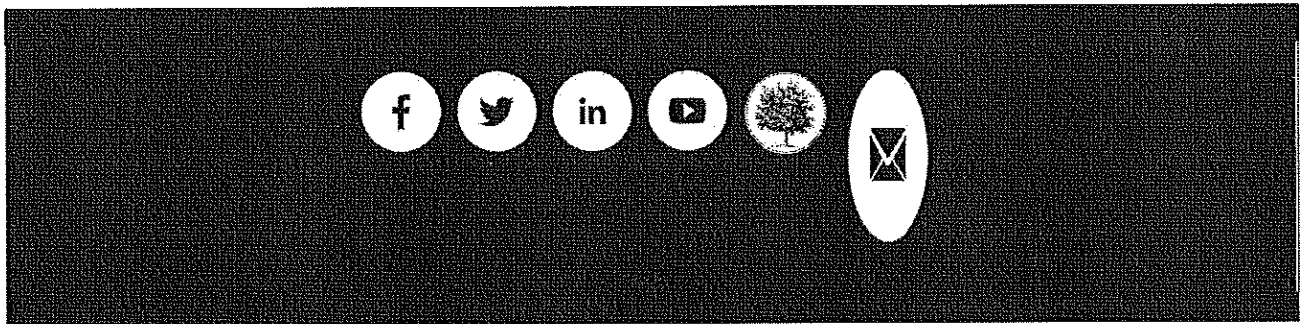
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National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu and Ohio Arts Council Executive Director Donna S. Collins.

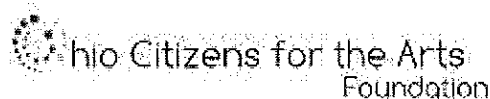
In this month's Message from the Executive Director, Donna S. Collins shares good news regarding a budget increase for the NEA in federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018, provides an update on the NEA's FFY 2019 budget, and discusses her experiences at National Arts Advocacy Day.

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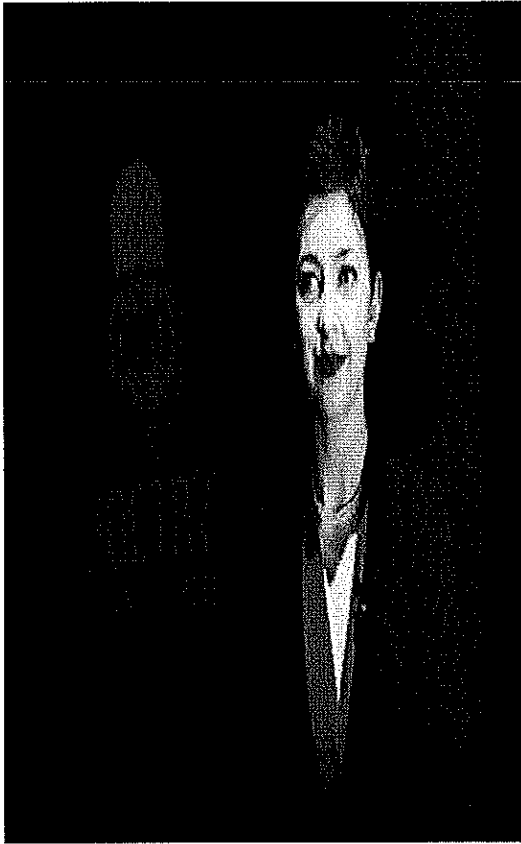
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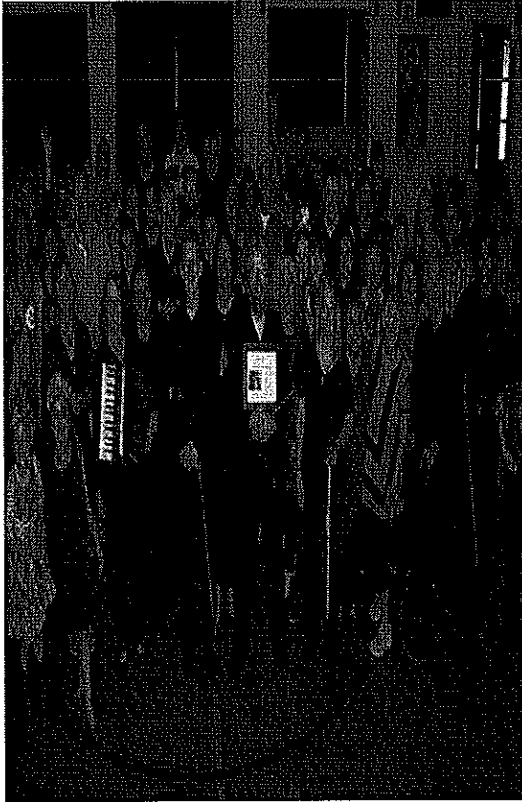
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DAYTON STUDENT WINS 2018 OHIO *POETRY OUT LOUD* STATE FINALS

Caroline Delaney of Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School will represent Ohio at the 2018 *Poetry Out Loud* National Finals in Washington D.C., April 23-25. Eleven Ohio finalists competed at the 2018 State Finals for the title of state champion.

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CINCINNATI'S RILEY
SCHOOL OF IRISH MUSIC
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Dedicated to the pursuit of Irish music, the Riley School received an Ohio Arts Council Heritage Fellowship Award for Community Leadership last fall.

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**WATCH: OHIO POET
LAUREATE DAVE LUCAS
HONORED AT OHIO
GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE**

Ohio Poet Laureate Dave Lucas recited his poems "Midwestern Cities" and "River on Fire" at a reception held at the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden on March 13.

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MEET CHIQUITA MULLINS LEE, ARTS LEARNING COORDINATOR

A southern girl at heart and part of the agency's newly expanded Arts Education team of two, Chiquita is the Ohio Arts Council's resident writer extraordinaire. Learn about her dual roles as Arts Learning and *Poetry Out Loud* Coordinator in this meet the staff interview.

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Art & Accessibility Tip #7: Share Your Accessibility Story

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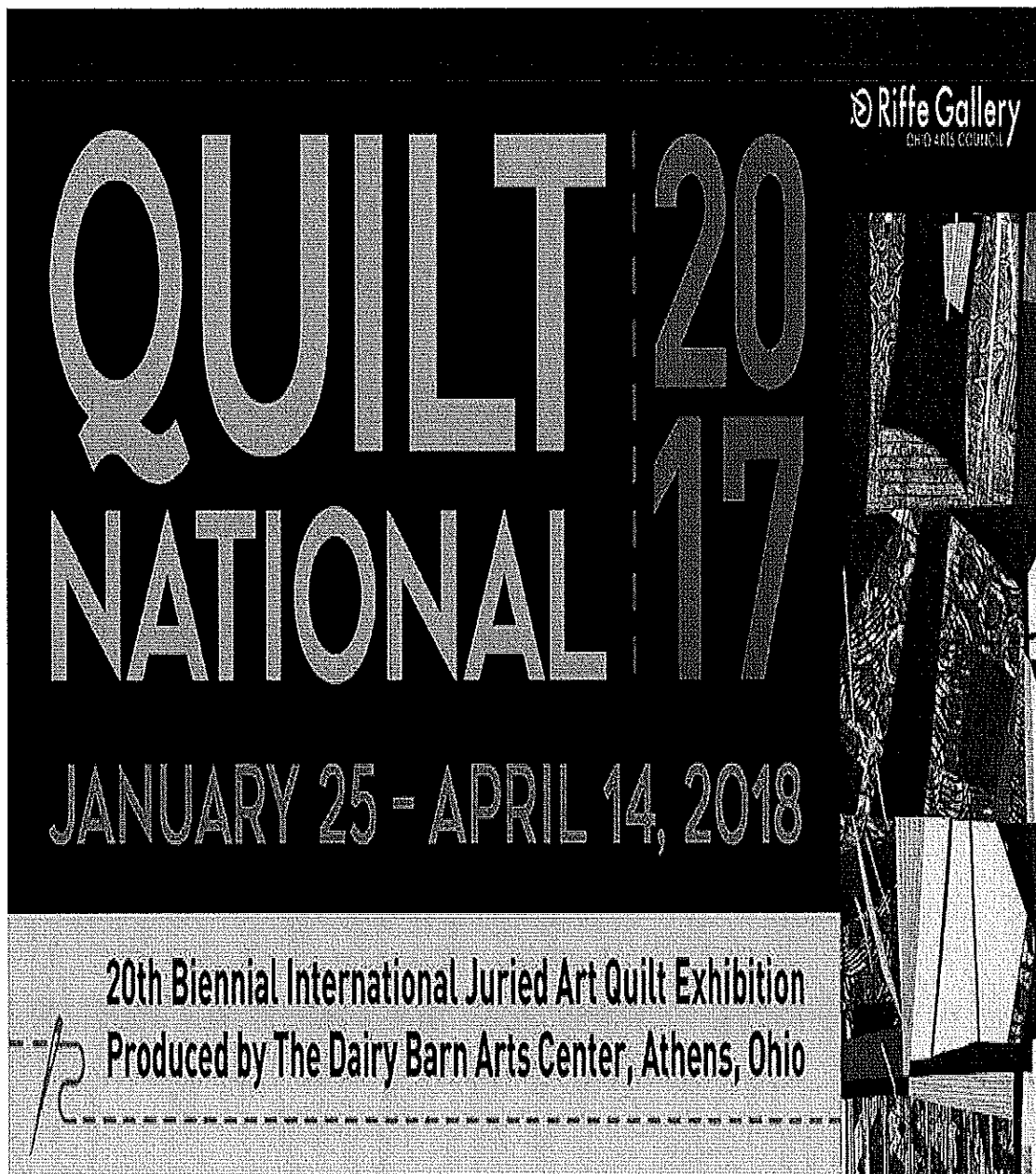
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QUILT NATIONAL 2017

January 25 - April 14, 2018

Produced by the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio, *Quilt National 2017* is the 20th biennial international juried art quilt competition dedicated to the promotion of the contemporary art quilt. Its focus is to provide the viewer with a visual presentation of innovative trends in the medium of layered and stitched fabric. Artworks were selected by jurors Nancy Crow, Petra Fallaux, and Art Martin. The OAC Riffe Gallery presents 36 of the original 86 works in the exhibition.

[Read more about the free events and programming scheduled for the OAC Riffe Gallery's Quilt National 2017 exhibition.](#)



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Quilt National 2017 marks the Dairy Barn Art Center's 20th biennial of producing this extraordinary art quilt exhibition, and the eighth collaboration with the OAC Riffe Gallery. The quilts on view have been created in the past few years by artists across the globe, and the OAC Riffe Gallery is currently presenting about a third of the entire exhibition on view.

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WOMEN TO WATCH OHIO - 2018

May 3 - July 7, 2018

Women to Watch Ohio – 2018 showcases the work of 10 Ohio women working with metal through sculpture, installation, jewelry, and two-dimensional works. The exhibition is developed in collaboration with the Ohio Advisory Group of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and is curated by Ann Bremner and Matt Distel. This is the second *Women to Watch Ohio* exhibition initiated by the Ohio Advisory Group and the first to encompass mid-Ohio as well as the northeast and southwest regions of the state.

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LOBBY SHOW: PHOENIX RISING PRINTMAKING COOPERATIVE

April 12 - May 10, 2018

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APRIL 2: ArtSTART Grant Deadline

The ArtSTART program provides flexible, accessible funding to help organizations complete short-term projects addressing a wide variety of goals and objectives. Most awards support the programming of new or emerging organizations, including first-time OAC applicants, as well as new or established organizations in areas not served by other arts providers.

Applicants may request between \$1,000 and \$5,000. All awards require a 1:1 cash match. To learn more about the ArtSTART program and to read the program guidelines, visit the [Ohio Arts Council website](#).

CONTACT: Brianna Dance, Organizational Programs Coordinator, brianna.dance@oac.ohio.gov and Jim Szekacs, Organizational Programs Coordinator, jim.szekacs@oac.ohio.gov

APRIL 2: Year 4 Updates Due for Sustainability Grant Recipients

The [Sustainability program](#) supports ongoing arts and cultural activities in all genres. Awards support the largest and most administratively sophisticated organizations in the state's arts and cultural ecosystem.

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APRIL 13: Kent State University Taylor Hall Commission

Kent State University (KSU) is inviting Ohio and national artists to submit up to nine digital images of past work for the KSU Taylor Hall Building Percent for Art Project commission. The renovation of KSU's Taylor Hall provided the opportunity to house together the School of Visual Communication Design and Communication Studies. The historic Taylor Hall building's interior has been transformed to become the center for these dynamic programs. The commissioned work should be reflective of the departments which are housed in Taylor Hall. Two interior wall locations have been identified for the commissioned work.

For more information about this opportunity, visit: goo.gl/tUiNpm.

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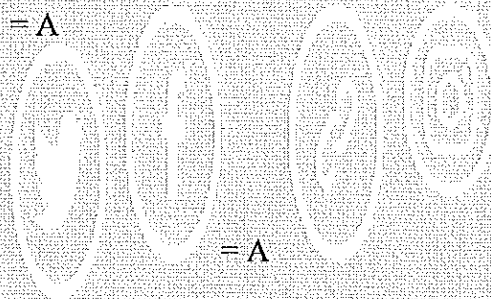
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Laramie Regional Airport Seeks Funds To Expand Terminal.

The Wyoming Business Report (3/22, Fredregill, Boomerang) reports Laramie Regional Airport "seeks funds to expand" its terminal. The \$12 million plan could double the terminal's square footage from about 6,500 square feet to about 14,000 square feet. The airport has secured about \$4.5 million from the FAA and Wyoming Department of Transportation.

POLICY NEWS - FEDERAL

NASA To Receive \$20.7 Billion As Part Of Proposed Omnibus Bill.

The Orlando (FL) Sentinel (3/22, Brinkmann) reports that NASA may receive a "billion-dollar boost" as part of a \$1.3 trillion omnibus bill which also funds the federal government through September 30. The bill "must pass Congress by Friday to avert another government shutdown this year." If passed, the bill would increase NASA's total funding to "\$20.73 billion, up from \$19.65 billion in the same bill for the 2017 fiscal year," more than \$1 billion more than the

White House's budget request. The bill also would double funding for the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) to \$895 million. According to Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), the KSC funding would "create hundreds of jobs at the center" and enable NASA to "begin work on a second mobile launch structure" for the Space Launch System (SLS).

The Hill (3/22, Brufke) reports that the House "easily passed" the omnibus bill in a 256-157 vote Thursday, "sending legislation to the Senate that would prevent a shutdown and deliver the largest federal spending increase in years." The Senate is expected to "begin work on the bill immediately ahead of a midnight Friday deadline for preventing a shutdown."

Space News (3/22, Foust, Subscription Publication) reports that the bill would fully fund NOAA's Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite R (GOES-R) and Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) programs, as well as provide funding for the Space Weather Follow-On program and NOAA's Commercial Weather Data Pilot program, "which funds the purchase and analysis of GPS radio occultation and other commercial satellite weather data sources." NOAA's Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) office and Office of Space Commerce would see increased funding, as would the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation. The bill also would allocate \$1.97 million for the National Space Council for 2018, and includes language allowing it to accept personnel detailed from other agencies without having to pay their salaries."

Space News (3/22, Foust, Subscription Publication) separately reports that the spending bill also "restores funding for Earth science and education programs slated for cancellation by the White House and includes additional money for the agency to build a second mobile launch platform for the Space Launch System." Four of the five Earth science programs slated for cancellation – "the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, and ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission, the CLARREO Pathfinder and Orbiting Carbon Observatory 3 instruments and the Earth observation instruments on the Deep Space Climate Observatory spacecraft – are "explicitly funded in the request." NASA's education program will receive \$100 million in funding, and the Restore-L satellite servicing mission, which the "administration sought to convert into a more general, and much smaller, technology development program, receives \$130 million in the bill." NASA's Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST), "another mission slated for cancellation in the 2019 budget request, received \$150 million in the 2018 omnibus bill."

House Science Committee Advances Two Space Bills.

Space News (3/22, Foust, Subscription Publication) reports that the House Science Committee passed two bills Thursday "that would recognize a NASA center as a center of excellence in rocket propulsion and would resolve a commercial space regulatory issue." HR 5345, the American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry (ALSTAR) Act, recognizes NASA's Marshall Flight Center as the "lead center for rocket propulsion and is essential to sustaining and promoting US leadership in rocket propulsion and developing the next generation of rocket propulsion capabilities." The bill would also require the center to "provide national leadership in rocket propulsion" and to collaborate with the public, industry, and academic institutions to develop and promote a "strong, healthy rocket propulsion industrial base." HR 5346, the Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act, would give the FAA's Office of Commercial Space Transportation the "ability to issue licenses and experimental permits" for "space support vehicles" such as Virgin Galactic's WhiteKnightTwo and a Stratolaunch System aircraft under development. The licenses and permits would be effective beginning March 2019.

FAA "Open For Business" With Drone Operators.

Commercial UAV News (3/22, Karpowicz) reports "more than anything else," the FAA message at a recent conference with drone operators is that the agency is "open for business." A "variety" of FAA officials "went out of their way to talk about how they wanted to collaborate with drone industry stakeholders." In his keynote, FAA Acting Administrator Dan Elwell emphasized the need to collaborate on safety.

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Norway Announces Plans To Purchase Electric Planes.

Reuters (3/22, Doyle) reports that Norway "said on Thursday it wants to buy electric passenger planes in the coming years to help slow climate change, building on its success with big tax breaks that have made it the world leader in electric car sales." State-owned company Avinor operates 45 airports in Norway, and suggested that the commitment may spur the development of battery-powered aircraft at companies such as Airbus and The Boeing Company. Avinor head Dag Falk-Pedersen told reporters at an Oslo aviation conference, "In my mind, there's no doubt that by 2040 Norway will be operating totally electric." Falk-Pedersen added that Airbus "told us they need a customer and they need a market – and we can offer them both," and he anticipated Norway that may present a "tender within a year or two to the market" for five to 15 aircraft with between 12 to 50 seats each. Norway's Transport

Minister Ketil Solvik-Olsen "said Oslo would try to repeat its success in promoting electric cars, backed by tax breaks and other perks such as free parking and recharging points."

DJI Seeks \$500 Million In Funding In Advance Of IPO.

Reuters (3/22, Lau, Zhu) reports that the Chinese UAV maker DJI is in talks with "investors for at least \$500 million in funding ahead of a planned stock market debut, people with knowledge of the matter said." The new funding will be obtained by a combination of equity and debt, and would allow the company to be "valued at about \$15 billion, nearly double its valuation in 2015, they said." DJI plans to expand into "drones for sectors such as agriculture, energy, [and] construction as well as drones for use in infrastructure inspection, two of the three people said, declining to be identified as the information was private." DJI's competitors include China's Yuneec, which is backed by "Intel, France's Parrot and units of Boeing and Lockheed Martin."

Amazon Patents UAV That Can Respond To Gestures.

The Washington Post (3/22, Shaban) reports that Amazon has been granted a new patent this week by the US Patent and Trademark Office "for a delivery drone that can respond to human gestures." The UAV is part of Amazon's "goal to develop a fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles that can get packages to customers in 30 minutes or less." Depending on a person's gestures, the UAV can "can adjust its behavior, according to the patent," and could "release the package it's carrying, alter its flight path to avoid crashing, ask humans a question or abort the delivery, the patent says." An illustration attached to the patent depicts "possible voice commands to the incoming machine." The patent adds that the "human recipient and/or the other humans can communicate with the vehicle using human gestures to aid the vehicle along its path to the delivery location."

With Laudamotion Addition, "Boeing Loyalist" Ryanair Will Fly Airbus Jets For First Time.

Reuters (3/22, Humphries, Bryan, Hephner) reports that Ryanair's plan to buy a portion of Laudamotion will "add Airbus planes to the Irish low-cost carrier's fleet for the first time and could herald an improvement in relations with the European planemaker." The acquisition will add 15 Airbus A320s to Ryanair's fleet of 430 Boeing 737s, and "marks an unusual step in the low-cost business, where carriers tend to stick to a single aircraft type to keep costs down and operations simple." The move may signal a shift to form a multi-airline group in the low-cost business, mirroring traditional operators such as IAG and Lufthansa, "which operate several carriers. Ryanair CEO Michael O'Leary said he had hoped to acquire an Airbus fleet "some years." According to aviation consultant John Strickland, "Airbus never wanted to play ball with Ryanair, but it could be a new start with changes to the Airbus sales team and top management."

US, Poland Close To Multi-Billion Dollar Patriot Missile Sale.

Reuters (3/22, Kelly) reports that the US and Poland are expected to agree to a multi-billion dollar deal for Raytheon's Patriot missile defense system on March 28, "three sources told Reuters." Poland had indicated previously that it would spend as much as \$7.6 billion on the system, but "the sources said the deal to be announced next week may not be more than \$5.5 billion." The State Department approved sale of the systems in November, and at that time

Poland was "interested in buying eight of the systems." The proposed sale had included "208 Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhancement missiles, 16 M903 launching stations, four AN/MPQ-65 radars, four control stations, spares, software and associated equipment." Poland's defense ministry "did not respond to Reuters' request for comment, but Defence Minister Mariusz Blaszczak said in late January that he expected the deal to be signed by the end of the first quarter."

Japan To Present F-35 Purchase Proposal To Parliament In Late May.

Aviation International News (3/22, Donald) reports that Japanese government officials "presented a proposal at an internal national security panel" for the purchase of military equipment including the "purchase of F-35Bs, and a new multi-purpose aircraft carrier/hospital ship." The government plans to present the plans to parliament in late May.

Airbus Plans To Target A330-200 Operators For New A330-800 Orders.

FlightGlobal (3/22, Kaminski-Morrow) reports that Airbus believes its A330neo is "capable of defending the airframer's position against the Boeing 787 as a replacement wave for older A330s accelerates." Airbus head of marketing Crawford Hamilton has pointed out that Airbus A330-200s purchased soon after the model's introduction in 1998 may begin to be replaced within the next three to four years. Airbus has delivered a total of 620 A330-200 aircraft, and Hamilton said Airbus plans to "exploit" this looming demand for new jets within this market. Hamilton estimated that around 100 A330s will have been in service for more than 20 years by 2020, and he added that Boeing 767s are also "ripe for replacement."

Swiss To Vote On Fighter Acquisition By 2020.

FlightGlobal (3/22, Hoyle) reports that the Swiss government's plans to replace its entire fighter fleet "will be the subject of a public vote planned for early 2020." In November, Bern outlined its "Air 2030" program, which would replace its F-5, F/A-18C/Ds, and air defense systems for approximately \$8.4 billion. Under Switzerland's current schedule, "parliamentary debate will occur in 2019" before a public referendum which will be held no later than "spring 2020." Selection of the new fighter could take place "by the end of the same year...with a contract signature likely in 2022 and deliveries anticipated between 2025 and 2030." The Gripen E, Dassault Rafale, Eurofighter Typhoon, Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, and Lockheed Martin F-35 are considered potential contenders to replace the Swiss fighters.

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Airbus Issues "Warning Shot" To Melrose Over GKN Plans, R&D Investments.

The Financial Times (3/22, Hollinger, Pooler, Subscription Publication) reports that Airbus warned Melrose Industries, which is attempting to buy aerospace supplier GKN in a hostile bid, that it must maintain GKN's research and development spending.

Harris Corporation Receives \$161 Million F/A-18 EWS Contract.

Reuters (3/22) reports that Harris Corporation received a \$161 million F/A-18 electronic warfare system production contract, and was "recognized for 20 years of 100 percent on-time deliveries." The contracting party has not been disclosed.

SPACE

Planetary Science "Doing Incredibly Well" Under NASA's 2019 Budget.

SPACE (3/22, Foust) reports that NASA Planetary Science Division Director Jim Green, speaking at a "town hall meeting about NASA's planetary science program," cited the agency's proposed 2019 budget, which includes \$2.2 billion for planetary science efforts, and stated, "Overall, planetary science is doing incredibly well." Green added, "Planetary science has never had this high a budget," and he further "noted that, in past years, planetary science has suffered significant budget cuts at the expense of other parts of NASA." Now, Green said, is planetary science's "time in the sun to shine."

Chinese Space Lab Expected To De-Orbit "Over Easter Weekend." = 2

SPACE (3/22, David) reports that China's Tiangong-1 space station is "likely fall to Earth between March 30 and April 2," according to the latest predictions of the ESA's Space Debris Office, although ESA representatives called the window "highly variable." During this time, the ESA will serve as the "host and administrator of a test campaign regarding the re-entry of Tiangong-1, conducted by the Inter Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC)." IADC members will use the fall of Tiangong-1 to "conduct their annual re-entry test campaign, during which participants will pool their predictions of the time window, as well as their respective tracking datasets obtained from radar and other sources." The group will seek to use the data collected to "cross-verify, cross-analyze and improve the prediction accuracy for all members."

NYTimes Highlights Amazon's Mars Conference.

The New York Times (3/22, B1, Nicas, Subscription Publication) reports in a story on the front page of its business section on "Mars, an exclusive three-day conference" in Palm Springs "run by Amazon and its founder, Jeff Bezos, for some of the world's most successful geeks." The conference focused on AI, an area in which "Amazon is eager to buoy its reputation...amid tight competition from Google." Bezos "handpick[ed] the roughly 200 attendees, most from the fields of artificial intelligence, robotics and space." Bezos "was visible throughout" the conference, "sitting front and center at presentations and posing for photos with attendees in front of a Blue Origin space capsule."

LightSail 2 Spacecraft To Launch As Soon As June.

SPACE (3/22, Howell) reports that the Planetary Society's LightSail 2 spacecraft may launch as early as June 13 aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), and will serve as a "test bed for future missions wanting to use solar sails – including NASA's proposed cubesat, the Near-Earth Asteroid Scout (NEA Scout)." LightSail 1 launched in May 2015, lasting "just under a month in low Earth orbit." Its successor will incorporate improvements including "a momentum wheel, or a rapidly spinning wheel that helps LightSail 2 maintain

position in space." Other tweaks include new attitude determination and control software as well as upgraded cameras.

SpaceX's Negotiations With Port Of Los Angeles Continue.

SPACE (3/22, Howell) reports that SpaceX is negotiating with the Port of Los Angeles on a facility for the manufacture of "large commercial transportation vehicles," according to documents posted to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners website. The company's current rockets are built in Hawthorne, California, and it is speculated that the Big Falcon Rocket (BFR) may be built in Los Angeles. The board approved environment regulations necessary for the project last week, and will "later vote on a lease to approve the project, but the date of that vote has not yet been released." The board stated that the project "would not have a significant effect on the environment."

Raytheon Enters Final Phase Of Next-Generation GPS Control System Development.

Airforce Technology (3/21) reported that Raytheon has entered the "final software development phase" for its next-generation GPS operational control system. During the phase, Raytheon will "focus on improving automation and building controls for both L1C and M-code." L1C is a civilian GPS signal designed for international access, while M-Code is a "military GPS signal with increased anti-jam capability." According to Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services President Dave Wajsgas, the company will "support the US Air Force's (USAF) GPS III launch this fall and complete the software build for the fully operational system by year's end."

Kratos, Orbital ATK To Continue Exclusive Oriole Rocket Motor Agreement.

IHS Jane's 360 (3/21, Scott) reported Kratos Defense & Security Solutions' Space and Missile Defense Systems business unit reaffirmed a "longstanding agreement with Orbital ATK's Missile Products Division that gives Kratos exclusive rights to sell Oriole Solid Propellant Rocket Motors (SPRMs)." GovCon Wire (3/22) reports Orbital ATK cleared Kratos to continue selling Oriole for "national security-related areas such as weapon systems research, missile defense and hypersonics, the latter company said Tuesday."

MANUFACTURING

Apprenticeship Programs 30 Alive And Well" In New York.

The Utica (NY) Observer Dispatch (3/22) reports that "hundreds of [New York] area youth are learning job skills and earning income without spending thousands on a college education," adding that "apprenticeships are alive and well, and poised to expand from traditional fields into high-tech areas. Local unions run free apprenticeships in a wide range of trades, including electricians, sprinkler fitters, painters, elevator constructors, bricklayers and boilermakers." The Observer Dispatch writes that the Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties "is offering grants to help area employers meet the demand for skilled workers by offering apprenticeships." American Apprenticeship Initiative Program Director Nate Crossett is quoted saying, "The major issue is that people, especially in manufacturing, are retiring at a rate that these local companies just can't keep up with. Apprenticeships were a big deal in the '70s and '80s." Crossett adds that workforce issues are "putting manufacturing in danger of not really

being able to compete locally, nationally or even internationally. That was the main premise of why this grant was created." Central New York Labor Council President Patrick Costello is also cited, arguing that "apprenticeships are a great way for young people to train for a skilled job with good pay and benefits without going into debt paying for college." Costello is also quoted, saying, "It's like going to college and getting paid all the time you're going, getting a degree in a trade without having any student debt. So, it's a pretty good deal."

STEM EDUCATION

PSU Students Work In Community Classrooms On Technological Literacy.

The Joplin (MO) Globe (3/22, Younker) reports on a "new partnership" between Pittsburg State University and community schools which is "ensuring that young schoolchildren are introduced to science, technology, engineering, and math fields." Students enrolled in the "relatively new minor in technological literacy" at PSU "are tasked with building skills and strategies to implement STEM activities in their future classrooms, and they're spending the academic year testing those activities in actual classrooms in Pittsburg schools." The article describes experiences of elementary school students befitting from the program

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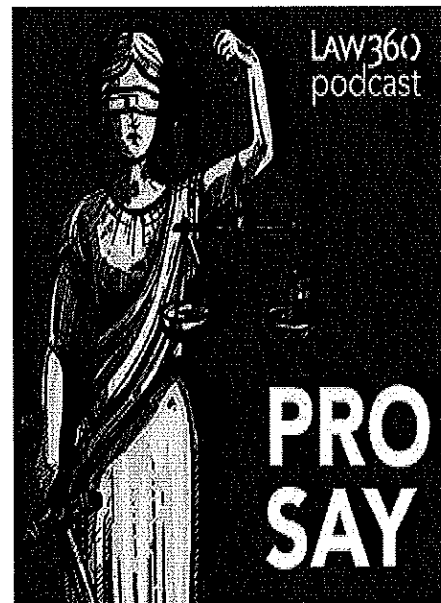
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What To Expect After The High Court Rules On Sports Betting

In one of the most anticipated decisions of the current U.S. Supreme Court term, the *Murphy v. NCAA* case will ultimately decide the fate of sports gambling in the country and has the potential to create big changes for governments, regulators and gaming advocates alike. [Read more »](#)

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High Court Criminal Case Could Make Waves In Water Law

Environmental attorneys will be paying close attention Tuesday to a U.S. Supreme Court case that has nothing to do with environmental law as the justices hear oral arguments on how fragmented 4-1-4 decisions should be interpreted by lower courts, an issue that looms large in an ongoing battle over the Clean Water Act's reach. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Facebook Row May Expand Access To IRS Appeals Process

An argument brewing in a California federal court over whether taxpayers are guaranteed access to an appeals process during disputes with the Internal Revenue Service has the potential to expand taxpayer options for reaching settlements without the costs associated with litigation. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

SEC Launches Deliberations On NYSE Plan For Bitcoin ETFs

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday said it would launch proceedings to determine whether it should approve a New York Stock Exchange proposal to list and trade two bitcoin-related exchange-traded funds, possibly delaying a decision for months. [Read more »](#)

Pay Execs In Debt To Fix Bank Culture, NY Fed CEO Says

Federal Reserve Bank of New York head Bill Dudley on Monday said "unfinished business" remains in the financial sector despite large

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regulatory strides since the 2008 financial crisis, and he suggested fining executives and paying them in debt among ways to continue to improve bank culture and incentives. Read more »

DOL, Trade Group Lay Down Swords In Fiduciary Rule Suit

The National Association for Fixed Annuities and U.S. Department of Labor said Friday they have dropped their D.C. Circuit dispute over the agency's fiduciary rule for retirement advisers, a little more than a week after the Fifth Circuit vacated the rule. Read more »

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

BLM Flubbed Review Of Coal Development Plans, Judge Says

A Montana federal judge on Friday said the U.S. Bureau of Land Management botched its environmental review of land-use plans crafted for coal development within the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming, including its analysis of the plans' climate change impacts. Read more »

DC Circ. Seeks Prior Rule Delay Info In Chemical Rule Row

The D.C. Circuit on Friday told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to compile a list of pre-Trump administration examples of when the effective dates of finalized regulations have been postponed, amid litigation challenging the agency's efforts to roll back an Obama-era chemical risk management rule. Read more »

Sunoco Pipeline Not Under Local Zoning Law, Pa. Panel Says

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Monday issued the second in a set of rulings that a controversial pipeline project being developed by a Sunoco Inc. unit was subject only to state

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regulation and could not be subjected to local zoning rules. [Read more »](#)

Enviros Fight EPA Air Pollution Policy Reversal At DC Circ.

Environmental groups on Monday urged the D.C. Circuit to block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent rescission of a 1995 policy that said any facility considered to be a "major" polluter under the Clean Air Act could never be recategorized as a less prolific polluter. [Read more »](#)

Trump Taps Ford Exec For EPA's International, Tribal Office

President Donald Trump announced Friday that he plans to nominate W. "Chad" Charles McIntosh, who most recently worked at Ford Motor Co., to help run the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs. [Read more »](#)

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Fla. Gov. OKs Backup Generator Rules For Nursing Homes

Florida's governor signed off Monday on permanent rules requiring all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have emergency backup power, achieving a priority set after 13 elderly residents died when temperatures soared after Hurricane Irma knocked out the power in their Broward County nursing facility in September. [Read more »](#)

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Sens. Propose USPTO Fee Power Renewal, Tech Upgrades

Two U.S. senators have introduced a bill that would extend the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's authority to set its own fees — which is currently set to expire in September — in exchange for pressing it to modernize its information technology systems. [Read more »](#)

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White House Hits Back At Report VA Chief Faces Ax

A White House spokesman said Monday that Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin continues to have President Donald Trump's support, at least for now, following a report that the president was looking to oust him after a recent travel scandal and internal turmoil at the agency. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

NLRB Union Presses Agency To Scrap Cost-Cutting Moves

Just days after Congress held the National Labor Relations Board's budget steady at \$274 million, the union that represents workers at the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters asked agency leadership to withdraw a series of recent cost-saving measures since the expected funding shortfall they were based on never came to pass, according to a letter obtained by Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

NJ Assembly OKs Sick Leave Bill Amid Small Biz Concerns

The New Jersey Assembly on Monday passed legislation that would require employers to provide earned sick leave to their workers in the state, a proposed measure lauded by supporters as helping workers and blasted by critics as hurting small businesses. [Read more »](#)

Female Atty Wage Gap Cited As NJ Passes Equal Pay Bill

The New Jersey Legislature overwhelmingly passed a "historic" bill Monday aimed at closing the wage gap between men and women in the state, with some lawmakers highlighting how female attorneys are paid less than their male counterparts. [Read more »](#)

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Schumer Counsel, Ex-Sidley Austin Atty Picked For FTC Post

President Donald Trump announced another nomination for the Federal Trade Commission Monday: the current chief counsel to Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who previously worked at Sidley Austin LLP. [Read more »](#)

OECD Says Australia Lags In Levying Competition Fines

Australia levies comparatively small penalties on companies that run afoul of its competition laws, according to an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report released Monday that found many countries impose stiffer punishments than the island nation. [Read more »](#)

CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY

Pai Wants To Narrow Use Of \$8.5B Fund Amid Spying Fears

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai proposed a rule Monday that would bar the use of an \$8.5 billion agency fund to buy products or services from companies that pose a threat to U.S. security, a move that comes over fears of Chinese espionage conducted through that country's tech companies. [Read more »](#)

FTC's Acting GC Leaves To Head Redgrave's Privacy Group

The Federal Trade Commission's acting general counsel is retiring from government to lead the data and privacy practice at Redgrave LLP, the firm said Monday. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

Transgender Troops Want DOD's New Partial Ban Blocked

Current and prospective transgender military service members said they will ask a Washington federal court on Tuesday to permanently block President Donald Trump's

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new policy that would allow only some transgender troops to openly serve, after previously winning an injunction against a broader earlier policy, arguing the new policy is still unconstitutional. [Read more »](#)

TAX

Pass-Through Guidance Out By Summer At Earliest, IRS Says

The Internal Revenue Service will likely issue further guidance on the rule that affects how pass-through entities are taxed under the new federal tax law by late summer or early fall, the agency's top official said Monday. [Read more »](#)

Va. High Court Says State 'Add-Back' Statute Unambiguous

The Virginia Supreme Court has clarified its interpretation of a state "add-back" income tax statute in a revised opinion involving more than \$900 million of Kohl's Department Stores Inc.'s royalty payments apportioned to various states, saying the statute was not ambiguous after looking at the legislative intent of the law. [Read more »](#)

Lawmakers Propose Gutting IRS Oversight Board In Overhaul

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee introduced a bill on Monday to eliminate the Internal Revenue Service's Oversight Board, along with overhauling and restructuring other elements of the agency. [Read more »](#)

Some Places Not Ready To Collect Online Tax, Report Says

A Washington, D.C., think tank concerned with tax policy released a report Monday arguing local municipalities aren't prepared to collect taxes on online purchases after an analysis by the group found Amazon isn't collecting or is

undercollecting local taxes in seven states.
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IMMIGRATION

Hawaii Urges Justices To Keep Trump Travel Ban On Hold

President Donald Trump is attempting to bar millions of Muslims from entering the United States based in part on their nationality and on how much their nations' governments purportedly cooperate with the U.S., which Congress and legal precedent have made clear are insufficient grounds, the state of Hawaii told the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday.
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WHITE COLLAR

US Atty In LA Earned More Than \$3.7M At Gibson Dunn

President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. attorney in California's Central District earned more than \$3.7 million since 2016 as a partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP working for clients ranging from Apple to Uber, according to financial disclosure forms shared with Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Show Me The Money: The Answer To Trump Bribery Questions

Reports abound that "intermediaries" for President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin participated in a secret bribery scheme involving lifting U.S. sanctions against massive Russian financial institutions. Having worked as a federal prosecutor in the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, I can report that there is one cardinal rule in these types of cases — follow the money, says Seth Waxman of Dickinson Wright PLLC. [Read more »](#)

Higher Ed Should Approach Marijuana Laws Cautiously

While the lists of conditions for which medical marijuana is available in various states have expanded, and while the number of states in which marijuana use is authorized has also increased, such developments have not made it easier for college students to use marijuana on campuses, say attorneys with Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. [Read more »](#)

Where PTAB Reform May Be Headed

The new director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has voiced openness to Patent Trial and Appeal Board reform, while the PTAB faces increased scrutiny from the Federal Circuit, intellectual property law associations, technology companies and Congress, as well as prospective admonishments from the U.S. Supreme Court in its forthcoming Oil States and SAS decisions, say Kevin Greenleaf and Scott Cummings of Dentons. [Read more »](#)

Tribes' Mobilization On Climate Change Gathers Steam

Tribes are not waiting for leadership on climate change from the federal level. Tribes' mobilization at all levels of government offers opportunities not only to protect tribal communities and the natural resources that sustain them, but also to advance tribal sovereignty and self-determination, say attorneys with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. [Read more »](#)

Series

Judging A Book: Hardiman Reviews 'Without Precedent'

In his new book, "Without Precedent: Chief Justice John Marshall and His Times," professor Joel Richard Paul ably explains more than a dozen of Marshall's most significant opinions, which comes as no surprise. What is a surprise — a pleasant one — is the book's

readability, says Judge Thomas Hardiman of the Third Circuit. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Why Some BigLaw Harassment Policies Miss The Mark

Even simple preventative measures can turn complicated at law firms. Here's a look at some common steps firms are taking to stop sexual harassment along with the challenges they face. [Read more ½ B](#)

Analysis

Munger Tolles Arbitration Dust-Up May Spark BigLaw Changes

Munger Tolles & Olson LLP's decision to release its associates from forced arbitration clauses after a weekend Twitter dust-up has already inspired at least one other BigLaw firm to do the same, and in the era of #MeToo, experts say more firms probably aren't far behind. [Read more »](#)

Quinn Emanuel Says Ex-Staffer Wasn't Target Of Racism

A former Quinn Emanuel secretary's claims of being the target of a supervisor's racist and homophobic comments during an Apple v. Samsung patent trial should be tossed because the alleged conduct was not severe enough to create a hostile work environment, the law firm said Friday. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Texas Contempt Order Should Put Associates On Notice

When a Texas federal judge rebuked attorneys for filing a Fair Labor Standards Act suit based on an invalidated overtime expansion rule, he refused to spare associates on the case from his contempt order in what experts say is a prime example of the tough ethics decisions young lawyers face. [Read more »](#)

Calif. Courts Paid \$500K To Resolve Sex Harassment Claims

The Judicial Council of California has paid \$521,000 to settle sexual harassment complaints involving judges and court employees, plus another \$80,000 for outside counsel to investigate allegations involving five judicial officers, according to data provided to Law360 on Monday. [Read more »](#)

11th Circ. Judge Julie Carnes To Take Senior Status

U.S. Circuit Judge Julie Carnes, who was nominated in 2014 to the Eleventh Circuit by former President Barack Obama, announced on Friday that she will soon take senior status, giving President Donald Trump another chance at reshaping the federal appellate court. [Read more »](#)

15 Minutes With Vimeo's General Counsel

For eight years, Michael Cheah has been general counsel of Vimeo, the New York-based online video sharing and streaming site that touts an emphasis on community and creativity. He spoke to Law360 about how the changing regulatory landscape affects online media companies and why he's on the front lines of the fight over the future of net neutrality. [Read more »](#)

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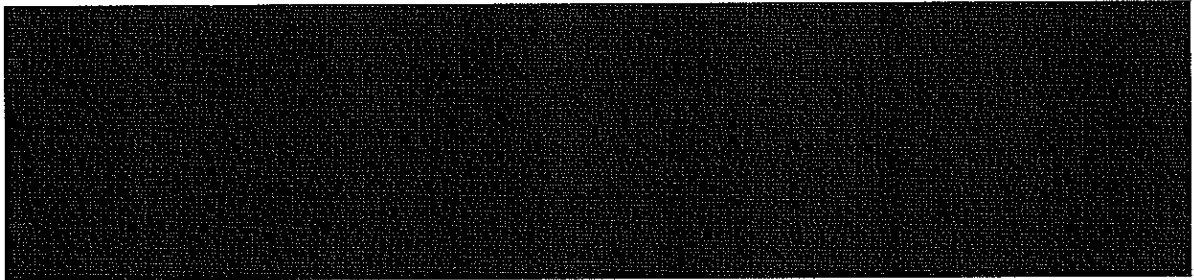
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Event Recap

Health in the LGBTQ Community: Improving Care and Confronting Discrimination

Presented jointly with NPR

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Brief video clips from event below.

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A recent poll by NPR, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health asked LGBTQ people about their personal experiences with discrimination. Our panelists explored

the results, looking at the health impacts of that discrimination and what can be done to help.

Five reasons healthcare providers and researchers should be talking about sexual orientation and gender identity:

1) *Mental and physical health impacts start early:*

LGBTQ youth are disproportionately affected by depression, anxiety, and substance use, said Sari Reisner, which can produce a “cascade” of effects across mental and physical health.

2) *Fear and discrimination keep LGBTQ patients from getting care:*

One in six LGBTQ people surveyed reported that they had personally experienced discrimination at the doctor's office, and almost one in five said that they had avoided getting medical care because of the fear of discrimination. If LGBTQ people don't seek care, said Logan Casey, “that is going to compound the effects of discrimination.”

3) *Physicians can do better:*

“Human sexuality, irrespective of whether it's sexual or gender minority individuals, is not a well-taught area, but I think that there's an emerging body of evidence that says that it's really important for clinicians to understand these issues so that they can provide affirmative

environments,” said Kenneth Mayer.

4) *Patients are willing to talk:*

Providers may be anxious asking patients about their sexual orientation and gender identity, but the vast majority—some 90%—of patients report that they are comfortable answering such questions, said Mayer. “It’s very important to ask the questions, so that one can determine whether to do appropriate sexually transmitted disease screening, appropriate counseling—it begins a conversation that really can promote health,” he said.

5) *There are tools to make it easier:*

The Fenway Institute has tools to make it easier for providers to ask these questions, a strategy called “Do ask, do tell,” said Mayer. It can start before the physician even enters the room, said Reisner:

“Something as simple as a registration form that would ask about pronouns, gender identity, and sexual orientation would provide such a tool, would at least begin that conversation,” he said.

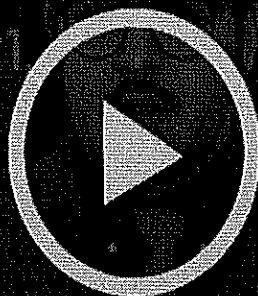
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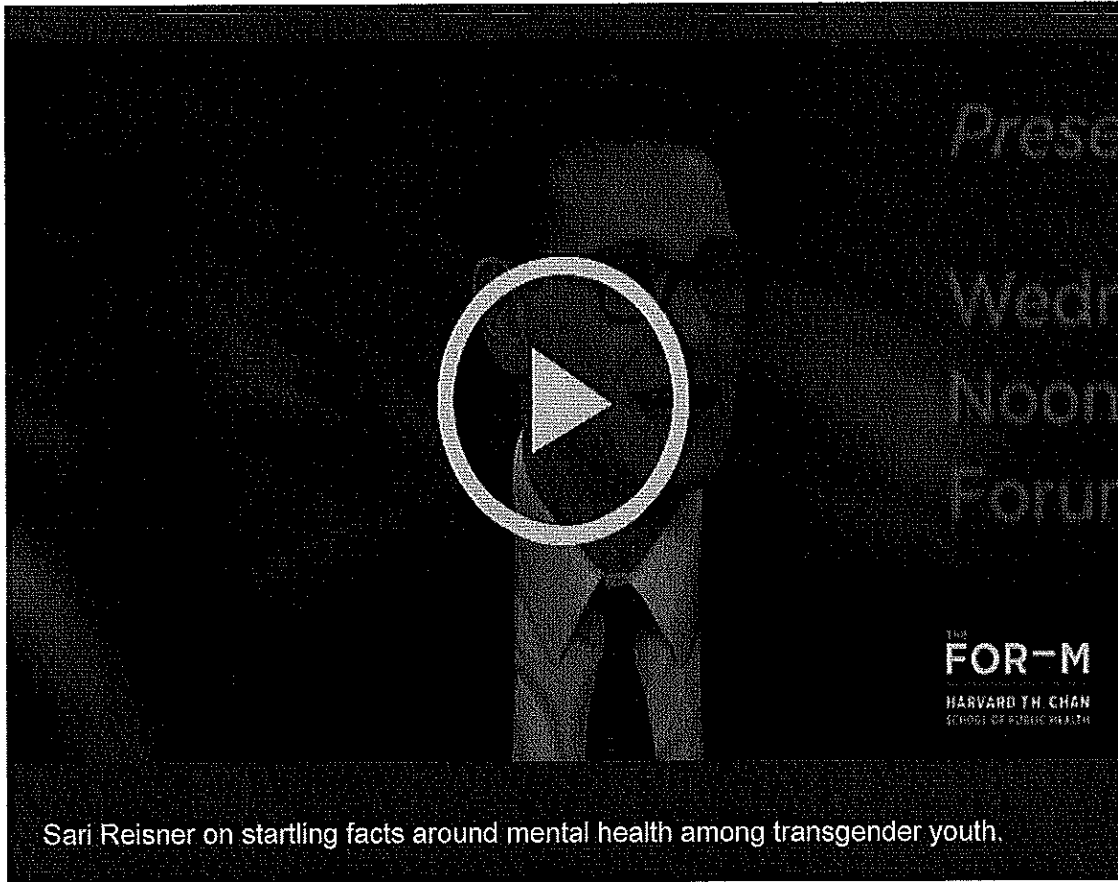
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Sari Reisner discusses the legacy of medical mistrust and how healthcare providers can help move beyond it.



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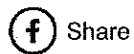
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Week of Wednesday, March 28, 2018

A weekly update from The University of Toledo, including news and events from the past week, as well as future events to keep you informed about activities at UT. For more information, please contact Diane Miller, Office of Government Relations, at Diane.Miller2@utoledo.edu or at 419.530.3804.

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UT joins regional partnership with NW Ohio colleges, universities

The University of Toledo and five public colleges and universities in northwest Ohio have entered into a compact reaffirming their commitment to working collectively and collaboratively to educate residents in the region.

Research News

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UT Scientists Awarded \$400,000 Grant to Study Wildlife in Oak Openings Region

A team of ecologists at The University of Toledo was awarded a two-year state wildlife grant from Ohio and Michigan to study flagship species of the Oak Openings region to better inform conservation and management strategies.

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Canaday Center to hold film night to spotlight exhibit

Carlson Library, the Canaday Center for Special Collections and The Andersons will host a film night Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m.

Making a difference: Spring break in Guatemala

Senior Ashley Diel wrote about spending spring break with peers from the Jesup Scott Honors College working in a small mountain village in Guatemala.

Songfest raises funds for Veterans Matter

Since 1937, UT students have been brought together by song, dance and philanthropy for Songfest.

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UT students discuss controversial banner
Print: Toledo Blade

Online school students visit Ritter Planetarium
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